Compensation.

Officers to qualify.

Official bonds.

Proviso: Surety on bonds.

Bonds to be renewed.

Chief of police as harbor-master and building inspector. Officers to hold over.

Proviso: city manager to become resident.

Interest of officers in contracts forbidden.

Misdemeanor. Removal from office. Officers to collect fees.

Failure a felony.

Discharge from office and further punishment.
Books to be kept.

Books open for inspection.

Preservation of books.

time as hereinafter set forth, and others appointed in their stead. for misbehavior or neglect in office or for any other cause. The said board may fix the compensation of each of the officers appointed by it at such sum as it may deem proper, unless otherwise provided in this charter and may, in its discretion, change such compensation from time to time. Before acting as such each of the appointed officers shall take an oath before some person authorized by law to administer oaths to faithfully discharge the duties required of him by this charter and by the board of aldermen; and each shall execute a bond, payable to the city of Elizabeth City, to faithfully discharge such duties, in such amount as the board may require, with security to be approved by the board: Provided, however, that any bond herein required may be secured by any bonding company or surety company authorized to do business in North Carolina. The bonds herein required of the tax collector, auditor, and city manager shall be renewed each year. The board may require the chief of police to perform the duties of harbor master and building inspector without additional compensation. All persons now filling the offices, to which appointments are to be made as hereinbefore provided, shall hold their said offices until their successors, to be appointed hereunder, shall have been appointed and qualified: Provided, that any person who shall be elected or appointed city manager of the city of Elizabeth City shall, within sixty days after his election or appointment, become a bona fide resident of the city of Elizabeth City, and if said manager fails to become such a bona fide resident within said sixty days, the board of aldermen of Elizabeth City is hereby authorized, directed and ordered to declare that a vacancy exists in said office and to elect or appoint a new city manager.

Sec. 45. That it shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of said city, elective or appointive, directly or indirectly to become a contractor for work done for the city, or to become directly personally interested in or receive profit from any purchase of supplies for any department of said city; and any such person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and removed from office.

Sec. 46. That all officers of the city of Elizabeth City shall faithfully collect all fees of every kind belonging to or appertaining to their respective offices, and any person in the employ of the city of Elizabeth City who shall wilfully fail or refuse to collect any fees, assessments, taxes, or other funds due the city of Elizabeth City shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be discharged from said office and punished as is now provided by law in cases of embezzlement by public officers. That all such officers shall open and keep such books in their respective departments as may be prescribed by the auditor of said city, and which books shall be open at all times to the inspection of the public upon demand, and said books shall be faithfully and securely kept, so